



## D.C.'S NON-DISCRIMINATION LAW OF 1872 TO BE ENFORCED FROM JAN. 1

Washington  
Non-discrimination laws passed nearly a century ago will be enforced in all public places in the Nation's Capitol beginning Jan. 1, according to a public announcement made by the District of Columbia commissioners.

Thirty-one civic-minded organizations, including the Japanese American Citizens League, Washington, D.C., Chapter, since 1953, had urged the commissioners to enforce the non-discrimination laws. The organizations pointed out that the Commissioners were obligated to follow President Eisenhower's proclamation that all vestiges of racial segregation and discrimination be abolished.

The announcement to enforce the non-discrimination laws in-

cluded notice that violators would be prosecuted when found turning away customers from hotels, barber shops, bowling alleys, and other places of public accommodation and amusement on account of their race, religion or color.

### 1873 Law Upheld

The recent Supreme Court decision, which upheld a law enacted in 1873 in the District of Columbia forbidding racial discrimination in restaurants, provided additional legal credence to other laws against racial discrimination enacted in that same period.

The JACL had participated as a "friend of the court" through submission of a brief in the so-called Thompson Restaurant Case.

Legal guarantees against racial discrimination in public places in Washington, D.C., were passed in an 1872 law and earlier in 1869 and 1870 ordinances by the then District Legislative Assembly. Enforcement of these laws had not been considered heretofore since the turn of the century.

### Give Due Notice

District Commissioner Samuel Spencer said that enforcement would be delayed until Jan. 1, 1955. He said, "The commissioners felt that the notice was only fair in the case of acts that have lain dormant as far as enforcement is concerned."

Cooperating organizations included civic, veteran, religious, commercial and labor groups. The public announcement included names of the following organizations which had urged the Commissioner to ban racial discrimination in public places:

American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.; American Council on Human Rights; American Federation of Labor; American Jewish Congress, National Capital Chapter; Americans for Democratic Action, Washington Chapter.

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, District-Maryland Regional Office; Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc.; Catholic Interracial Council of Washington, D.C.; Congress of Industrial Organizations; Consolidated Parents' Group.

D.C. Federation of Civic Association, Inc.; District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce; Friends Committee on National Legislation; Interdenominational Ministers Alliance; Japanese American Citizens League; Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington.

National Congress of American Indians; National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; Potomac Cooperative Federation; St. Peter Claver Center; the Washington Bar Association, Inc.; Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, Washington Chapter.

Washington Ethical Society; Washington Federation of Churches, Commission on Community Life; Washington Fellowship; Washington Interracial Workshop; Washington Urban League and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

## Dr. Galen Fisher seriously ill

Berkeley  
Dr. Galen M. Fisher, founder of the Japanese YMCA, is reported to be gravely ill by his associates, who fear he may not live long. He vigorously opposed the evacuation of Japanese from the West Coast and more recently headed a drive to raise funds to rebuild YMCA buildings in bombed-out Nagooya and Kobe.

## Film life of Buddha

Hollywood  
The life of Gautama Buddha will be filmed as "the most important international picture in Metro's history," studio head Dore Schary revealed last week. Film will be produced in color and CinemaScope. No casting yet has been done.

# West Coast sentiment changes, in printed testimony of hearing

Washington  
Changes in the attitude of public officials toward persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States since 1942 are illustrated by testimony recorded in printed hearings on evacuation claims, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The official testimony before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on evacuation claims reflects new and friendly understanding achieved by persons of Japanese ancestry by their outstanding loyalty and military service, the Washington JACL Office said.

Such complimentary testimony is in striking contrast to the charges of Issei and Nisei disloyalty alleged by public officials after the outbreak of World War II.

### Bowron's Testimony

Fletcher Bowron, Mayor of Los Angeles at the time of evacuation, testified:

"I thought it (evacuation) was the right thing to do at the time; in the light of after events, I think it was wrong, now." During the period just before evacuation, Bowron was among the most vocal proponents for evacuation on a racial basis.

The former Los Angeles mayor acknowledged his part in evacuation saying:

"I rather hold myself somewhat responsible, with others, for the condition or the representation that possibly brought about that order. I realize that great injustices were done. . . . I am proud to say that they are now well accepted in this community, and I feel that the people here, a big majority, would like to see simple justice done to those who have been evacuated."

### Ford for Hillings Bill

John Anson Ford was a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors which passed a resolution by unanimous vote in 1942 to promote the evacuation of Japanese from the west coast. Now chairman of the same Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, John Anson Ford urged the Subcommittee to "liberalize" the so-called Hillings Bill because "often, they were taken away on a very few hours notice. When they went, in many cases, I know from my personal observation, following their departure they stored their goods in unsafe places, where they were vandalized, where they were subject to rapid deterioration and theft, and then in the stress and strain, as you can well imagine, in reconstructing something of the atmosphere of those hectic days, there was no adequate way to keep any records."

"We must rely, at least in some degree, upon the general fine reputation, integrity, diligence, and industry of these people. They are not the kind of people who seek to take advantage or to make sharp bargains or sharp practices."

Ford urged granting of the full amount of legitimate claims without a ceiling. He urged that payment of claims be expedited as rapidly as possible because of the advanced age of the average Issei.

### Address Citizens-to-Be

On Issei age and loyalty, Ford said, "I had the privilege of speaking to about 200 of these Japanese who had been taking a course in citizenship for a number of weeks and who

had just gotten their certificates, and I was addressing their graduating exercises.

"Under the McCarran Act, if they have been here, as I recollect, over 20 years and are 50 years of age or more, they can become citizens and submit themselves to examination even though they can't speak English, and it was a very stirring experience to these farmers and gardeners and produce men and women, elderly people, so eager to become citizens, who held such great pride in the certificate they were receiving. They were a great addition to the community."

Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson said, "While it has been said before, it cannot suf-

fer by repetition, if I, as the executive head of the great City of Los Angeles, recognize and pay tribute to the proven patriotism of our Americans of Japanese descent. Being mindful of the emergencies confronting our Government after Pearl Harbor, they suffered and endured temporary loss of their liberty, abrupt removal from their homes, and the loss of their property.

### Valorous Attributes

"What they did not lose was their sense of patriotism, their dignity, and their self-respect. Their retention of these high attributes was properly a source of pride to them and to their community to which, most happily, so many have returned.

"It is indeed questionable whether any other group of American citizens, called upon to sacrifice as were the Americans of Japanese descent, would not only so willingly have accepted demands made upon them but would have contributed so generously of their sons, brothers, and fathers to the armed services of the United States. Their valorous deed will ever be glorious in our history."

All the public officials and past officials who testified at the hearings wanted to have the "record" clear that they were firmly in favor of legislation which would expedite the payment of evacuation claims and, at the same time, asked that the legislation provide for full and adequate compensation of the losses suffered, the Washington JACL Office noted.

### Sen. Kuchel Endorses

California Senator Thomas H. Kuchel wrote the Subcommittee that he endorses the Hillings Amendment to expedite payment of the claims.

Other congressmen from California  
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## Tariff increase on Japan scarf denied

### Washington

President Eisenhower last week rejected a Tariff Commission recommendation that duty be increased on silk scarves mainly imported from Japan. The President declared trade with Japan "is an important link in our all-security effort."

## Ex-Fresno resident named to Hatoyama cabinet post

### Tokyo

Frank Takizo Matsumoto, 1920 graduate of Fresno (Calif.) High School and graduate of Harvard School of Business Administration, was appointed as deputy cabinet secretary in the new Hatoyama government. He was a Diet member from Hiroshima since 1945.

## 3 Calif. Nisei lawyers

### San Francisco

Three Nisei were among 457 passing the state bar examination last October. The successful lawyers are:

Peter N. Nakahara, East Palo Alto; Stephen Nakashima, Berkeley; and Morio Fukuto, Los Angeles.

## Editor's grandmother dies

### Los Angeles

Mrs. Kane Imon, 88, grandmother of Frank M. Imon, English editor of the New Japanese American News, died Dec. 16.



Attorney George E. Maruya, 27, is the 1955 president of the Association. He served the Los Angeles Nisei Veterans with military intelligence in Japan between 1944-47, was graduated from the USC Law School in 1951, and active in the Optimists and JACL. He succeeds Dr. Hideo Uba. Other officers are Toru Hirano, v. chmn.; Tee Yakura, sec.; Kiyu Maruyama, treas., and Lefty Adachi, sgt.-at-arms. The NVA was founded in August, 1946.

—Toyo Miyatake Photo.

## JACL extends new Issei citizens of L.A. congratulation

### Los Angeles

The tedious task of securing the names of the 1,000 plus Issei who were naturalized last Nov. 11 at Hollywood Bowl is still underway by the JACL Regional Office.

In the meantime, the JACL in a pre-Christmas message to Issei leaders already found in the long list congratulated them with "thousands of other naturalized Issei who now share the privileges of citizenship with their Nisei children."

Among the Issei community leaders raising their hands on Nov. 11 were the late Sei Fujii, publisher of the Kashu Mainichi; Dojun Ochi, Rafu Shimpo editorial writer; Hideo Harry Kodani of Kodani Insurance Agency; Yaemitsu Sugimachi, principal of the Daiichi Gakuen System; the Rev. Sohei Kowta, Japanese Union Church pastor; Seichi Oguchi, Saburo Sato, hotel proprietors; Kiichi Uyeda and Matsunosuke Oi, businessmen.



HENRY GOSHO

### Tokyo

Hank Hiroshi Goshō, Seattle-born Nisei, is the first American citizen of Japanese extraction serving as a member of the American Embassy in Tokyo. He is in charge of the radio and TV branch.

Heretofore, there were some Nisei worked for the American Embassy here as interpreters, typists or some other capacities but not as the regular State Department official. He was active with the Washington, D.C. JACL. (Photo by Nippon Times.)



VERY TRULY  
YOURS

By HARRY HONDA

### Apartheid vs. uranium

It seems we're stretching imagination to suggest uranium is developing "apartheid" to the limit. . . . Apartheid, the fanatical practice the white from other races, of South Africa segregating is even arousing academic interest here. . . . The man who has succeeded Daniel Malan as prime minister is said to be even more nationalistic than his predecessor. Hans Strijdom's appointment even distresses Malan. . . . Strijdom is bitterly anti-British and anti-Semitic. One specialist in African-affairs adds that it is difficult for him to be anti-Negro per se as he does not consider Negroes or Asians in the same category with other human beings. . . . His political philosophy is summed up as "the white man must be boss" and Calvinistic or Nietzschean that white men are predestined to rule.

A prominent Nationalist, he hates the British Commonwealth because of its doctrine of equal rights for everyone. . . . Strijdom is regarded as the man who would certainly take South Africa an independent country if he so chose. And it is expected he would install a constitution which he and his followers drafted in 1942 that provided civic freedoms to a list of burghers as was done in the old Transvaal republics. . . . The Nationalists even detest the United Nations, if only because colored peoples participate in the proceedings there.

Against him are the Negroes, the Colored (mixed blood), Asians, British, Jews and with the exception of the Dutch Reformed Church, all sections of religious opinions. . . . But Strijdom feels secure in that besides its mineral wealth of gold and diamonds, it is richly endowed with thousands of tons of uranium-rich sludge from its gold mines. . . . Now that the Congo ore is said to be wearing thin, these deposits form the Western world's principal source of uranium. . . . This ace-in-the-hole cinches Strijdom's position and continued Western support, however grudgingly given. . . . Another important fact to note in this picture is the giant strides being made by Com-

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## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

# Nisei—and New Japan

This is the final installment of "A Nisei—and New Japan" as reprinted from the *New Japanese American News* (Los Angeles). Columnist Mike Masaoka is scheduled to return from his business trip through Japan next week.—Editor.

### Part Two

Now that the Nisei has attained his majority, as it were, what should his attitudes be, particularly in his relationship to his ancestral land, Japan?

To this Nisei, it seems quite clear that he should above all else think, speak, act and consider himself to be an American, equal in every way to every other American.

As such, he should be most concerned with contributing his most to what the Japanese American Citizens League has reduced to an all-inclusive slogan: "For Better Americans in a Greater America".

As a Nisei, what can I contribute to my native land—to make this a greater America while becoming a better American?

In addition to loyalty to America's ideals and institutions, and allegiance to her Flag, it seems to this Nisei at least that my contribution, if any, must come out of what little I know of the culture and philosophy of Japan, for that is the land of my parents.

I have read and studied the history and the culture of the many west Europeans who have come to this country but because I am not a part of that history and culture there is nothing that I can add to it.

But, because I am of Japanese ancestry, I can contribute to America's culture what I know and have heard and read of Japan's cultural heritage.

### Most positive contribution

This, to me, seems to be the most positive contribution that I can make to a greater America, for the magnificence and diversity of the American way of life come, not from the amalgamation of all the cultures represented in the United States melted into a common stew, but rather in the individual and distinctive contributions of every people that have come to these shores, though that contribution may be tempered and forged by circumstances and environment.

In other words, America's culture is the result of the contributions made by the many nationalities that have immigrated here, each modified to meet America's unique and unequalled ability to accept the best of every land.

And, because too many Americans, being of European extractions, are not aware of Japan's great cultural heritage, it becomes doubly important that the Nisei make every effort to present that culture.

### Popularity of Japanese culture

The modern day popularity and acceptance of some of Japan's culture is witnessed in the simple beauty of the flower arrangements in many homes and offices, in the clean and efficient lines of many articles of furniture and in the building of the homes themselves, and in the enthusiastic response given to such presentations as the Kabuki Dancers and certain motion picture masterpieces.

To the discredit of the Nisei, most of us have little real knowledge of Japan's culture. This lack of information can be remedied, however, by study and observation, for it is most embarrassing to be asked about one's cultural background and to have to admit that one is ignorant of it.

This is especially true today when so many non-Japanese Americans are so aware and appreciative of it.

So, in answer to what the attitude of Nisei should be towards Japan, my reply would be that insofar as cultural matters are concerned, it is my obligation as an American to transfer and to interpret as much of it as possible in order that my native land can be enriched by the cultural contributions of my ancestral country.

### Attitude toward Japan

But, persist so many these days, what about Japan as a nation; what should the Nisei attitude towards the Japanese in Japan be?

This is perhaps more difficult to answer than the question of cultural concerns.

Once again, the sole premise should be of looking at this problem as an American, interest and dedicated to America's future as

a world leader.

Viewed in the perspective of the world struggle for survival, the reply is clear and unequivocal.

The showdown in the battle for men's minds and hearts may be won or lost in Asia, in that ancient continent where most of the people of the world reside.

Geographically, as even Stalin himself once admitted, Japan occupies such a strategic position that the nation that dominates Japan controls the Orient.

Industrially, Japan is the only real workshop in the entire Far East. With its hungry millions, it has the manpower to make the wheels of industry revolve.

### Ally in Pacific.

Thus, it takes no military genius to comprehend the urgent necessity to keep Japan as an ally in the Pacific, for our recent foe is now our most cherished ally in that area of ideological conflict.

And, because America is essentially a west European country in its orientation and learning, its weakest link in its efforts to build up a defensive periphery is on its western frontier, along the East Asia coastline. And Japan is the key to this Asian landmass.

Here again, because of our Japanese ancestry, we are in a better position than any other nationality group in the United States to explain to our fellow Americans the hopes and aspirations of the Japanese people and to the Japanese people themselves the principles of democracy and freedom.

The present world situation gives to the Nisei a unique and fearsome responsibility, to do everything possible to keep America and Japan friendly allies in the Pacific.

The fate of the free world may be in the balance. And the Nisei may well be crucial in the final determination.

So, in reply to what the attitude of the Nisei should be towards Japan, it makes sense to most thinking Americans that the Nisei do everything possible to promote understanding and goodwill between the two great Pacific powers.

And, as in the case of interpreting cultural matters, many Nisei will be found lacking in their knowledge about Japan and the Japanese people. Again, study and observation will be the only salvation.

### Cannot hide ancestry

But the Nisei cannot conceal the very fact of his ancestry which invites comments and lends credence to what is said even though he himself desires to avoid such comment. If this is what is going to happen anyway, the Nisei had better be prepared to give a good account of himself lest he appear ignorant, indifferent, or ashamed of his racial antecedents.

Finally, in his own self-interests, the Nisei should have learned out of the experiences of World War II that the degree of cooperation and friendship that exists between Japan and the United States dictates the amount of acceptance and goodwill that he, as a person of Japanese ancestry, enjoys in his own country.

Accordingly, it is in the best interests of the Nisei themselves that they do everything possible to maintain the present spirit of friendly partnership that exists between Japan and the United States.

If Japan and the United States remain cooperative partners in the Pacific, both nations will benefit, materially and in the possibilities for a just and lasting peace.

In all this, the Nisei can and must play the same important role as an American that he has played thus far in his history in the United States.

### Greatest challenge

By acknowledging his ancestry and his heritage, while at the same time being conscious of the privileges and opportunities that are his as an American, the Nisei can serve as a kind of living intermediary between the peoples of the land of his birth and that of his ancestry, to the end that both nations and peoples will be able to live together in peace, security, and dignity.

This is the greatest challenge yet to face the Nisei. And to respond to that challenge with the courage and vision which he displayed in World War II may be the answer to what the Nisei attitude towards the new Japan should be.



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## TOKYO TOPICS

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA  
Masaoka in Japan

Since Mike Masaoka's appearance in Tokyo, everything is like a whirlwind day and night (for me). It's miraculous how Mike can keep up with various engagements that go 'round the clock outside of a few short hours for sleep. And his speeches are as eloquent and convincing as ever.

Nisei groups here tendered an impromptu dinner in his honor Dec. 16 at the Kaikan Annex. It was their way of saying "thanks" for all the work Mike has done in Washington on their behalf for reinstating their citizenship.

His up-to-date report on the naturalization program in America revealed that over 10,000 Issei have become naturalized, with prospects of another 20,000 pioneers.

Japanese pioneers really demonstrated their enthusiasm on becoming American citizens," Mike told the group. "Their naturalization records are the best in the United States. Nobody ever dreamed that a n. 86-year-old pioneer would memorize the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence from the very beginning to the end." He narrated many other anecdotes of Issei devotion to U.S. citizenship.

His oratory also charmed the audience when he commented on the important political aspect of Nisei in Hawaii. Thirteen out of 27 in the House and seven out of 15 in the Senate of the Hawaiian legislature are Nisei, he pointed out. And other important civic positions are similarly occupied by American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

Attending the Dec. 16 welcome banquet were:

Sam Ishikawa, Jiji Press; June Tokuyama, Tachikawa Civilian Personnel; George Hattori, businessman; C. Okuda, Yokohama QM Depot, all of Los Angeles; Mrs. Mizuko Nin, U.S. Embassy, from San Diego; Wesley and Nancy Oyama, American Pharmacy; Ayako Tamura, USAF, all of San Francisco; Mary Minamoto, American Red Cross; Yuka Yasui, Fulbright Foundation; Mable Suzuki, U.S. Embassy, all of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goshu, U.S. Embassy; Welly Shibata, Mainichi Shimbun; Takako Yoda, USAF; Sato Ogasawara, Pan American Airways, of Seattle; Lt. Norman Mineta, San Jose; Marie Mizutani, Hardy Barracks, of Sacramento; Mrs. Yukiko Takeuchi, Oakland; John Fujii, newspaperman, of Alameda; Jessie Chida, Tokyo Army Hospital, of Wyoming; Lt. John Dye, Indiana; Mrs. Peggy Otsuki, PW Army, of Salt Lake City.

Tom Takesue, Mrs. Setsuko Takesue, Army Hospital; Fumie Miho, American Friends Service, both of Honolulu.

Mike has addressed the Tokyo South Rotary, Nichi bei Club and other welcome functions besides meeting many people including Nisei on citizenship problems, tremendously complicated in view of legalities.

Devoted to Cause  
He is also flying down to Kōchi, Fukuoka, Hiroshima and other major cities in the Kansai and Chugoku districts where many Japanese immigrants were born. But more than anything else, Mike is interested in promoting U.S.-Japanese relationships. He is really devoted to the cause.

Probably Mike's greatest discovery in Japan was the certain amount of ill-feeling in

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HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

# Unanswered Questions

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Hawaiian statehood hearing held here by a Congressional subcommittee is over but it left several important questions unanswered.

Whether the inquiry ultimately will advance the cause of statehood for Hawaii is too early to assess. At least the reason for the investigation was to Hawaii's advantage.



It was to anticipate certain questions which Congressmen in the group believed would be almost certain to be raised in the next Congress, and to develop testimony and evidence on these points in advance.

Such data, of course, are more accessible in Hawaii than in Washington 5,000 miles away; so it was logical that the hearing be held in Honolulu.

The subcommittee of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee devoted a day and a half to statehood. Actually, statehood was described by the subcommittee as an incidental item on its agenda, the other subjects being public lands and water development in Hawaii, in addition to Trust Territory matters.



## Hawaii statehood still top attraction

But to Hawaii's people, statehood remains the top attraction. What were the most important points which the Congressmen wanted information about?

1. Do Hawaii's citizens still want statehood? Or are they in favor of status quo or perhaps a commonwealth form of government?

2. How widespread is so-called "bloc voting" along racial lines? Is the "Japanese vote" so powerful that it is electing "too many Japanese public officials"?

3. How powerful was the voting influence exerted by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in the last election? This union has been labeled as Communist-dominated.

As to whether Hawaiian sentiment is still in favor of statehood, the record of the hearing will show that only one witness spoke against statehood, and a dozen or so others advocated statehood. It appears significant that the one anti-statehood witness was an obscure individual, whereas most of the pro-statehood witnesses were persons of some community standing.

The record will show also that the suggestion of another plebiscite to poll the people on whether they still want statehood was not welcomed by the pro-statehood witnesses. These witnesses said, yes, they would be willing to have another plebiscite but it should be held on condition that Congress would first pass the statehood enabling bill subject later to a favorable vote on statehood by Hawaii's people.

Otherwise, they contended, a plebiscite would be only a delaying move.

The last plebiscite was held in 1940, when the people voted two to one for statehood. The question which most people are asking today is not whether Hawaii favors statehood but when will Congress grant statehood.

Proposals for making Hawaii a commonwealth like Puerto Rico, instead of the 49th state, received no active support in the hearing. No one spoke for it, but it was heartily condemned by the pro-statehood witnesses.



## No evidence of racial bloc voting

Regarding racial bloc voting, only one witness—the same individual who spoke against statehood—asserted his belief that the Japanese Americans were a "threat because of what he considered their voting strength and their numbers in public offices.

The testimony given by "the other side" was that there is no evidence to show there is bloc voting by the "Japanese voters" to any unusual degree. One witness went as far as to predict that, once Hawaii becomes a state, sooner or later there will be Oriental Americans elected to Congress, persons of third or fourth generation stock who would be a credit to Hawaii and to the United States.



## 'Do you think hearing did any good?'

As to the ILWU influence in the last election, testimony showed the extent of that influence was difficult to measure. One witness, an unsuccessful candidate who was supported by that union, gave it much weight; but others felt it was exaggerated.

When the hearing was over, the question most often asked among those who attended, was, "Do you think the hearing did any good?"

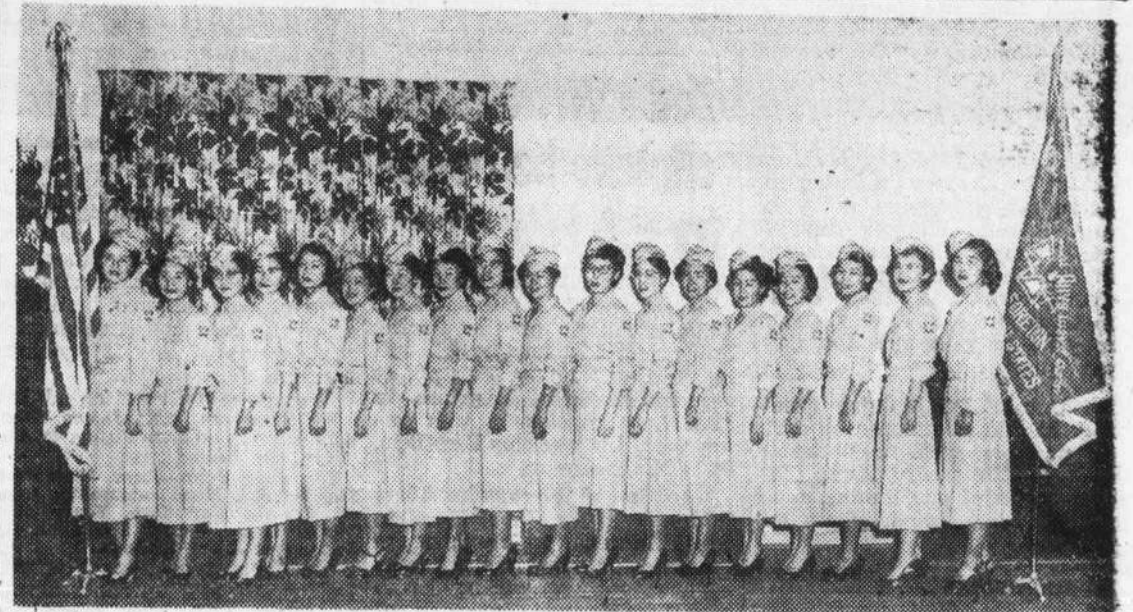
Underlying this query, no doubt, was the awareness that even if this group of Congressmen comes up with a strong recommendation supporting statehood, as so many previous committees had done, serious obstacles lie ahead in the next Congress.

Statehood supporters are keeping their fingers crossed, hoping for the best but prepared for the worst.



Newly elected cabinet officers of the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter being sworn into office by Ira Shimasaki, FDC chairman, are (left to right) Ethel Fukuyama, Rose Matsuda, Ruth Kuroishi (pres.), Shin Inouye, Katsuyo Takeshita and Irene Iwata.

—Photo by Tosh Enokida.



The San Jose Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9970 Ladies Auxiliary is the second such organization in California and was formally installed Dec. 4 at impressive candlelight ceremonies conducted by Mrs. Harry Connor of Watsonville. Post Commander Frank Shimada presented colors and banners to the Auxiliary. In the photo are (left to right) Mmes. Kazu Sakamoto, sr. v.p.; Alice Yonemoto, trustee; Lily Sakamoto, color bearer; Shizu Hanada, trustee; Midori Kotake, color bearer; Florence Ozawa, musician; Sakaye Santo, color bearer; Dorothy Sumida, jr. v.p.; Kumi Saito, patriotic instructor; Kay Ichishita, hist.; Nadine Yamamoto, chaplain; Mae Nagatoishi, flag bearer; Kazu Kumamoto, guard; Mary Watanabe, sec.; Mae Higuchi, pres.; Teruko Sakamoto, trustee; Chiye Takeda, treas.; and Polly Sakamoto, conductress.

—Townsend Photo Service, San Jose.

## IN HONOR OF

Eleanor Yamamoto, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Yamamoto, 163 W. 2nd North, Salt Lake City, was chosen Bussei Sweetheart of 1955 by the Intermountain YBL. She was crowned by Hatsumi Mitsunaga, 1954 Bussei Sweetheart.

William Ginoza with three others presented their paper on tobacco mosaic virus strains at a symposium this week at the Univ. of California at Berkeley.

## Nisei passenger safe, but five others killed

Las Cruces, N.M. Six persons were burned beyond recognition when a car in which they were riding collided with a diesel truck west of Las Cruces Dec. 23 on U.S. Hwy. 70-80. Driver of the truck and passenger George A. Nakagawa of Los Angeles were uninjured.

## NOTICES

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## Claims hearings—

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ifornia, both Democrats and Republicans, who expressed their support during the hearings were, in order of appearance:

LeRoy Johnson, Charles S. Gubser, George P. Miller, Harlan Hagen, J. Arthur Younger, William S. Mailiard, Patrick J. Hillings (sponsor), Cecil R. King, Samuel W. Yorty, Oakley Hunter, and Bob Wilson.

Congressmen-elect Charles M. Teague and John F. Baldwin presented similar endorsement.

Hiroshi Miyamura, recipient of the Medal of Honor, and National JACL officers, George J.

Inagaki, president; Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, past national president; Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, immediate past national president, Thomas T. Hayashi, first vice-president, Patrick Okura, second vice-president; Harold R. Gordon, Thousand Club chairman; and Mrs. Alice Kasai, secretary to the National Board, were all invited and introduced to the congressional subcommittee.

### JACLers Introduced

Introduction of the JACL officers at the hearings, a rare privilege accorded to persons other than witnesses, came as a result of the Subcommittee's recognition of the vital part played by the JACL in securing the evacuation claims program.

## 14 San Luis Obispo Issei naturalized

### San Luis Obispo

Fourteen Issei received the finest of Christmas gifts—their American citizenship—on Dec. 17 in the packed courtroom of Judge Ray B. Lyon. They were part of the 53 citizenship applicants introduced by Sidney H. Gren, naturalization examiner.

When new citizens were asked by the judge to relate how it felt to be an American citizen, Hugh Setsugo Dohi spoke on behalf of the Issei. Civic, veteran and religious groups also participated in the two-hour long ceremony.

Naturalized were: Arroyo Grande—Hide Dohi, Hugh Setsugo Dohi, Heigo Nakamura, Eju Nakamura, Kiyoshi Fukuhara, Kikuyo Sakamoto, Tatsuichi Yamaguchi.

Grover City—Yoshito Hiyama, Takezo Sakaji, Chikayoshi Kobara, Min Kobara.

Pismo Beach—Motoye Kamitsuka, Jutaro Yamada.

Oceano—Sei Ikeda, Kaichi Sakamoto.

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It was Chicago's first non-white Christmas in seven years last week. Only three years ago, there was 17 inches of snow.

### Around Windy City . . .

After 69 years of service, the Kenwood Evangelical Church, which jointly carried on a community-service program with Ellis Community Center, voted to dissolve its corporation on June 1, 1955. Kenwood-Ellis were joined since Feb. 1, 1952.

The facilities will be deeded to the Chicago Theological Seminary for five years, after which time the property will be turned over to the Kenwood-Ellis Community Center and Church.

Bill Fujii, formerly of Sacramento, and vice-president of the Chicago JACL, is in charge of the chapter membership drive which begins in January. Annual chapter dues of \$4 and supporting memberships of amounts exceeding \$4 were announced. The 1000 Club membership is \$25 per year and may be payable \$5 down, \$5 per quarter.

Unpaid PC Holiday greetings should be cleared as early as possible with this writer, 6128 S. University Ave., Chicago 37. And our thanks again for the kind support from advertisers.

### About people . . .

The Ronald Shiozakis, 5215 N. Kenmore Ave., announced the birth of their third child, Keith, on Dec. 9. Born at Edgewater Hospital and weighing 9 lb. 2 oz., the young boy joins Janice Lynn, 7½, and Cory Brent, 5. Mother is the former Leah Tokunaga of San Jose, Calif. Ronald, formerly of Portland, Ore., was JACL chapter president in 1951. He and his brother James are proprietors of S and I Co., grocers.

Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, 1516 E. 61st St., pastor of the First Baptist Church, and more recently honored with the JACL distinguished leadership award, was among 12 new members elected to the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference board of directors.

We introduce the Fred Karlsons, 148 W. Huron St., happily married now since June 26, 1948. Fred, a native of Little Falls, Minn., works for Bradley Lamp Mfg., with his lovely wife, the former Alice Nagata of Santa Clara, Calif. Her parents, the Gohachi Nagatas are staying with the Kanzakis of Cupertino, Calif. She is the sister of:

Mrs. Marian Imamura, whose husband Mits is a truck driver in Campbell, Calif. They have three children: Gerry, 12; Joanne, 7; and Bradley, 1.

Mrs. Natalie Kanzaki, whose husband John is foreman on a strawberry farm at Cupertino. They have one child, Craig, 4.

In Fred's family are two brothers Leonard, John, and three sisters Mary, Mrs. Genevieve Vearchetto, and Mrs. Emily Behrens. Leonard is a Denver contractor, married and with three sons. John lives in Minneapolis, married with four children. His sisters all live in Chicago; his mother living with Mary.

The Chicago Tribune last Sunday featured a full-page spread with pictures of Mary C. Takahashi, formerly of Oakland, and her display of flower arrangements at her studio apartment at 1436½ Astor St. With teacher's credentials in the Ikenobo School, she has given up optometry, in which her three brothers, sister, cousin and niece are engaged. She is also designing wallpaper and fabrics.

**Los Angeles**  
The fourth annual installation ball of the L.A. JACL Coordinating Council will be held Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, 7660 Beverly Blvd., it was announced by Mack Hamaguchi, council chairman. Lily Otera is ball co-chairman.

Abe Most, who provided the music for the 1954 joint installation dance, will be present with his orchestra. The dance begins at 9 p.m. A sports formal, tickets are available at \$3.50 per couple and the public is invited.

Newly-elected officers of the chapters comprising the coordinating council will be sworn into office during the dance intermission by National President George Inagaki.

Pasadena JACL, voted into council membership last month, will participate in the installation with Downtown Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Hollywood, Southwest Los Angeles, Venice-Culver and West Los Angeles chapters. Long Beach-Harbor District JACL cabinet officers are also expected to be installed at this time.

## 2nd PSWDC chap. clinic to be hosted by ELA Feb. 13

**Los Angeles**  
The second annual JACL Chapter Clinic of the Pacific Southwest District Council will be held on Sunday, Feb. 13, at the International Institute in East Los Angeles, it was announced this week by Ken Dyo, PSWDC chairman.

The first clinic was held last February at the Chase Hotel in Santa Monica, in response to the need for developing chapter leadership by providing JACL background and discussion of organizational techniques in conducting successful chapter programs.

Attended by some 100 officers and members of the 18 PSWDC chapters, it was unanimously voted that the clinic be made an annual affair. "The 1955 clinic will take the place of our regular first quarterly meeting," Dyo explained.

### East L.A. Hosts

Chairman of the clinic committee, who will also serve as discussion coordinator, will be Wilbur Sato, 1954 president of the East L.A. JACL, host chapter for the 1955 clinic.

Officers of chapters as well as the National JACL Board will serve as discussants and resource persons in analyzing chapter problems such as membership, conducting meetings, programming, financing and public relations.

## FWLER PUBLICITY MAN CITED BY JACL CHAPTER

**Fresno**  
Presentation of a special award of the Fowler JACL for outstanding service to the organization was made to Thomas Toyama. The surprise presentation of a camera outfit was made by chapter president Tom Kamikawa at the Dec. 22 Christmas party for children.

Toyama's public relations and publicity work for the chapter and editing the chapter monthly bulletin was cited. He also serves as an officer for the Central California JACL District Council, and is active in other local organizations.



Pasadena JACL's cabinet for 1955 will be headed again by Tom Ito (front, third from right), prominent insuranceman and veteran JACLeR. With him are (left to right) front—Mas Fujimoto, re-elected 2nd v.p.; Ken Dyo, chapter 1300 Club chmn.; Mrs. Aki Abe, 3rd v.p.; Ito; Florence Wada, cor. sec.; Kimi Fukutaki, re-elected treas.; standing—Satoru Yoshizato, photographer; Harris Ozawa, 1st v.p.; Jiro Oishi, aud.; and Mack Yamaguchi, member-at-large. Not in the picture are Frances Tamura, rec. sec.; Tom Arita, Mrs. Grace Morikawa, Tom Yamazaki, mems.-at-lrg. The chapter's first '55 program will be the filling of alien registration cards on Jan. 11 at 64 W. Del Mar St. —Sat Yoshizato photo.

## CINCINNATI ADOPTS NEW CABINET FORM, ELECT KAYE WATANABE PRES.

**Cincinnati**  
Kaye Watanabe was chosen president of the Cincinnati JACL chapter by an eight-man board, which will be selected by the general membership, four-men each year. The board-type of cabinet was instituted after its new constitution was approved at a Nov. 27 general meeting.

Watanabe will be aided by: Hy Sugawara, v.p.; James Takeuchi, treas.; and Jane Fujikawa, sec.

On the board are: For One Year—Kaye Watanabe, Stogie Toki, Ken Matsumoto, Benny Okura; For Two Years—Mrs. Mutsu Takao, James Takeuchi, Hy Sugawara, Jane Fujikawa.

Two representatives from the Issei group and immediate past president will also serve as board members.

## Hiroji Kariya head of Sequoia chapter

**Redwood City**  
Hiroji Kariya was recently elected to head the Sequoia JACL for 1955. Supporting Kariya on the cabinet are:

Jay Sasagawa, 1st v.p.; Tom Yamane, 2nd v.p.; Pete Kashima, treas.; Midori Kanazawa, rec. sec.; Lorraine Inouye, cor. sec.; Hirotsuke Inouye, del.; Yoneko Arimoto, hist.; Yaeko Yuki, pub.; Gunji Togami, Harry Higaki, alt. del.

John Enomoto, retiring president, and Shozo Mayeda are ex-officio members of the chapter executive committee. The new officers are to be initiated Jan. 22 at Rickey's Studio Linn.

## Mile-Hi Clers receive '55 nomination ballots

**Denver**  
Mile-Hi JACL ballots for 1955 cabinet officers have been made and sent to its 601 members, it was announced by John Noguchi, nominating committee chairman.

Roy Mayeda and Harry Sakata have been nominated for the office of president. Mayeda was chapter president in 1952, while Sakata, prewar resident of Hayward, Calif., and active JACLeR is currently president of the Brighton Japanese American Association.

Marked ballots were to be returned by last week and announcement of the complete slate is to be made at the Dec. 31 dinner-dance at the Albany Hotel.

## Long Beach CL sets 300 membership goal for '55; focus push on keg meet

**Long Beach**  
"Our 1955 goal will be 300 members," it was announced by Tomizo Joe, newly elected president of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL.

Plans for a membership drive under chairman, Joe Seko, 2nd v.p., was discussed at the new cabinet's first meeting held at the home of its president on Dec. 21. Team captains George Iseri and Tomizo Joe will vie for membership campaign honors with the losing team treating the winners to dinner.

The chapter accepted the offer of the LA JACL Coordinating Council to participate in the Joint Installation Ball to be held Jan. 22 in Los Angeles. The entire cabinet also plans to attend the second annual PSWDC Chapter Clinic to be held Feb. 13 at International Institute in East Los Angeles. A priority chapter activity during the first three months of the year will be the ninth annual JACL Bowling Tournament which it is co-hosting with the Long Beach Nisei Bowling Association, Joe said in outlining his chapter program. A monthly chapter news bulletin under the co-editorship of Sue Joe, Aiko Butsumiyo and Takako Urugami will begin publication immediately, it was revealed.

## Sat Tanita to head 1955 Arizona JACLeR

**Glendale, Ariz.**  
Sat Tanita, Rt. 3, Box 647, was elected president of the Arizona JACL chapter for the coming year and will be assisted by:

Minoru Takiguchi, 1st v.p.; Tom Ikeda, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Hatsuye Miyuchi, 3rd v.p.; Ben Inoshita, treas.; Eva Oda, sec.; Lynn Takesuye, Frank Yamamoto, soc. chmn.; Mike Kobashi, ath.; Tom Tanita, Northside rep.; and Kinya Watanabe, Southside rep.

Tom Kadomoto is the retiring president.

## JACL ENDOWMENT FUND INSURES YOUR FUTURE

Attending the cabinet session were: Tomizo Joe, pres.; Smokey Iwasaki, 1st v.p.; Ted Kato, 3rd v.p.; Haj Fukumoto, treas.; George Iseri, aud.; Takako Urugami, hist.; Sue Joe, Aiko Butsumiyo and Regional Director Tats Kushida.

Absent were: Joe Seko, 2nd v.p.; Kazuko Matsumoto, cor. sec. and Judy Sugita, rec. sec.

## Acknowledge contribution from North Platte Issei

**Denver**  
James T. Wada of North Platte, Neb., recently remitted \$88 as a contribution to the National JACL in appreciation for its work in advancing the interests of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Many of the North Platte Issei have become naturalized Issei citizens as a result of the 1952 Walter McCarran Act, which was backed by the National JACL in 1952.

Contributors and amounts forwarded to National Headquarters are as follows:

R. Ugai \$25; J. T. Wada \$10; G. S. Wakimoto, G. Wada, G. Fujimoto, S. Yamaki, C. Kumagai, Charles Yanagida, N. Matsutani, T. Kushihashi, T. Kamino, S. Okamoto, \$5 each; and T. Miyashi, \$3.

Min Yasui, regional representative for the Mountain Plains JACL District, expressed thanks to the North Platte people for their support of the National JACL program.

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Wilson H. Makabe of Loomis is sworn in as president of the Placer County chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League by National JACL first vice president Tom Yego at the installation dinner held in the Loomis Memorial hall. —Photo by George Makabe.

### Wilson Makabe installed as head of Placer County JACL chapter

**Loomis**  
Loomis Memorial Hall was filled to capacity Dec. 17 for the installation dinner of the Placer County chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Tom Yego of Penryn, National JACL 1st vice-president, was the installing officer.

Wilson Makabe of Loomis, newly-elected president of the local chapter, will be supported by the following cabinet members who were inducted with him:

George Ito, Ken Masuda, Charles Oseto, and Robert Takemoto, v.p.; Barbara Nakashima, rec. sec.; Fu-

#### VERY TRULY YOURS

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munists in South Africa's industrial areas . . . What is tragic is that the South African Negroes do not yet realize the difference between communism and African nationalism . . . A similar pattern has been seen in Indo-China, too. It proves the Kremlin is still bent on world revolution.

sae Nii, cor. sec.; Ellen Kubo, treas.; Frank Nimura, soc. chmn.; Tom Miyamoto, ath.; Tomiko Makishima, hist.

#### SACRAMENTO JACL SET FOR NEW YEAR EVE

**Sacramento**  
Sacramento JACLers will hold its New Year's Eve dance tonight at the 12th and J St. Masonic Temple. Some 200 couples are expected to make it the best-attended dance of the year, according to committeemen.

"Fun's Five Plus One" will pay. Favors and refreshments will be free and dancing commences at 9 p.m. On the committee are:

Dubby Tsugawa, Toko Fujii, Jean Nakatani, Mary Nakashima, Terry Enkoji, Bubbles Keikwan, Eugene Okada and Bill Matsumoto.

**New York JACL:** Contributions to help meet a \$3,000 goal continued to pour into the 1954 JACL Fund Appeal in early December to boost the total to \$2,800. Chapter president Sam Kai publicly thanked all the donors in a Christmas message and with a final report due in January, its goal is expected to be met.

### Name Dr. Toru Iura head of SWLA CL

**Los Angeles**  
Dr. Toru Iura has been elected as president of the Southwest Los Angeles chapter of the JACL for 1955, announced Mack Hamaguchi, chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee.

The well-known Nisei received his Ph.D. degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1953 and is a graduate of the Univ. of Wisconsin.

Cabinet members for 1955 include:

Haj Inouye, 1st v.p.; Pomeroy Ajima, 2nd v.p.; Michi Kataoka, 3rd v.p.; Peter Yano, treas.; Misako Tanaka, rec. sec.; Grace Oba, cor. sec.; George Kakehashi, aud.; Hiroko Kawanami, hist., and Homer Matsui, sgt.-at-arms.

Hisashi Horita is the retiring president.

The 1955 cabinet of the Southwest Chapter will be formally installed into office Jan-22 at the fourth annual Installation Ball of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council at the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

#### San Luis Obispo CL picks George Nagano

**San Luis Obispo**  
George Nagano of Arroyo Grande was elected 1955 president of the San Luis Obispo JACL Dec. 4 at a potluck dinner-meeting held at Pismo Beach Veteran Memorial Hall. He is being assisted by:

Taro Kobara, 1st v.p.; Akio Hayashi, 2nd v.p.; Shig Kawaguchi, treas.; Ty Yamaguchi, rec. sec.; Suzie Hayashi, cor. sec.; Harry Fukuhara, pub.; Saburo Ikeda, del.; Karl Taku, alt. del.

#### SOCIAL NOTES

**Cleveland Jr. Matrons:** Some 100 parents and 125 children enjoyed the annual Christmas party recently at the First Methodist Church. Emcee Henry Tanaka led in group singing and movie cartoons preceded the appearance of Santa Claus (Howard Teshima) with gift-filled stockings and toys. On the committees were:

Helen Furuki, Yuki Nakaji, gen. arr.; Midge Fujimoto, Helen Furuki, Kay Furukawa, program; Fairway and Fenway Golf Clubs, tree; Terry Nakashige, Yuki Nakaji, Kay Furukawa, gifts; JACL, pub.; Shig Yamagata, PA; Tosh Matsuoka, movies; Fujinkai, Issel Christian Church, Jr. Matrons, Nisei Fellowship, Mitzi Yamakawa, refreshments.

#### CINO keynote speaker

**Los Angeles**  
Dr. Roy Nishikawa, National JACL treasurer, was the keynote speaker at the annual conference of the California Intercollegiate Nisei Organizations last Tuesday noon at the USC campus. Roy Iwaki of Los Angeles City College was general chairman.

#### PRESS FILE:

**SATEVEPOST** — "The Army's Tower of Babel" in the Dec. 4 issue of Saturday Evening Post by Demaree Bess reveals the history of the Army language school from the time of its establishment at the Presidio of San Francisco just before bombs dropped on Pearl Harbor to its present school at the Presidio of Monterey.

**KUROKI** — Ben Kuroki, the Nisei air corps sergeant heralded for his 50 combat missions in Europe, is currently employed on the North Platte Telegraph-Bulletin. He had been newspapering in Idaho after a stint in publishing the York (Neb.) Republican.

#### HUMBOLDT STATE COLLEGE HONORED

**Eureka**  
Henry Yamagata of Alturas was named "man of the year" at Humboldt State College recently and will be featured in the school yearbook next spring. He is also one of the 12 outstanding seniors of the 1955 class.

His brother Hich was co-captain of Modoc Union High's football team this pass fall, while sister Mitzi reigned over the Modoc County Fair as queen last August.

## Hiroshima

. . . a poem for the living

(Akira Sanbonmatsu recently witnessed "Operation Ivy", H-Bomb movies, at his East Los Angeles JACL chapter meeting and then got to reading John Hershey's book, "Hiroshima", viewed some stark photographs of the holocaust, before turning in his latest poem.—Editor.)

By Akira Sanbonmatsu

Hisako,  
young woman with memories unhappy.  
I see you as you scrub the floor  
in your home, spotlessly as is the custom,  
but your arms tire quickly  
and your thoughts reflect freshly  
the tragic yesterday of Hiroshima.

What was it you left there  
in the dazzling white light,  
in the shattering sea of human veins,  
in the volcanic echoes of human agony,  
in the screaming silence of radiation sickness,  
in the charred skeleton,  
the city that was Hiroshima.

Was it Kazuko, your older sister,  
(whose beauty you admired so)  
who was lost within the office where she worked;  
lost, despite all the love and tears  
you shed  
she never returned.

Or was it your friends,  
your girl friends and some of the boys,  
some of the boys so playful and mean,  
flirting and teasing,  
joy ripened with 14 years  
that whisked into the poisonous wind,  
into the mushroom cloud that was Hiroshima.

How many did survive  
from your family  
and among your friends  
on August 6th, 8:15 a.m.  
in the year of our lord  
nineteen hundred and forty-five?

Years have passed, Hisako,  
and the rubble has been cleared,  
and a temple of Peace has been built.

Now you are married, your husband  
is handsome, black wavy hair, gentle,  
strong with the sinews of a steelworker.

Yet there is a fear in your heart  
at nite  
as you lie with child four months  
within you.

What is this thought,  
this twisting agony in the mind,  
this fear within the heart  
of expectant mothers of Hiroshima?

Hisako,  
young woman in deep love,  
How fearful the thought  
of birth to an abnormal child.

What crime unleashed on humanity  
matches this, this atomic poison  
that stifles those yet unborn?

Hisako,  
We share your anxiety  
and heed your pleas:

Yes, end the existence of this murderous insanity,  
this scum of cynical achievement,  
this devil-pierced destruction that pervades  
our warm and peaceful Pacific.

Yes, let humanity regain its stature,  
Let children and men,  
women and nations  
breathe free from atomic fears;  
And in the sky,

Let Peace soar in her majestic greatness  
bearing a dawn, a dawn  
abundant with flowers and kisses,  
laughter . . . and tears but for happiness.

\*Hiroshima—66,000 killed  
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## WOMEN BOWLERS ADDED TO NATIONAL JACL ADVISORY BOARD ON BOWLING

### San Francisco

Five representative women bowlers have been added to the National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling, it was announced last week by JACL National Director Mas Satow, in recognition of the part women bowlers have played in developing the annual National JACL Bowling Tournament.

Named to the Advisory Board were:

Sally Furushiro, Denver; Chiyu Tashima, Los Angeles; Nobu Asami, Oakland; Grace Yonezu, San Francisco; and Kazie Yokoyama, Seattle.

At the same time, it was announced that Tom Mukai of Fowler would be Central California's representative on the National Advisory Board, in place of Buzz Noda who is now located in Northern California.

### Board Members

The newly named Board members will join the following present members of the Advisory Board:

Dyke Miyagawa, Chicago; John Noguchi, Denver; Choppo Umamoto, Salt Lake City; Easy Fujimoto, South Gate; Ichiro Fukunaga, Los Angeles; Gish Endo, San Francisco; Shig Imura, Sacramento; Fred Takagi, Seattle, and Eddie Matsueda, Honolulu.

Members of the National Advisory Board together with members of the 1955 National Tournament Committee will have the final word on all rulings governing the 1955 National JACL Bowling Tournament scheduled for Long Beach on Mar. 4, 5, and 6.

## Weightlift champion Kono nominated by Sac'to Jr.

### C. of C. for 'man of year'

#### Sacramento

The Sacramento Jr. Chamber of Commerce named Tommy Kono, Olympic weightlifting champion, to be one of the five outstanding young men of the year 1954. Announcement is expected next week in Richmond.

William L. Wagner, Jr. C. of C. president, noted that Kono was selected by his group because of his athletic ability which has brought him many honors all over the world and because of the goodwill he has engendered on his trips to foreign countries.

## SPORTSCOPE

### Baseball

The Tokyo Giants, leading professional baseball team, will play some 30 exhibition games this winter in U.S., Central and South America. They leave Tokyo Jan. 10 and Nisei players on the squad include outfielder Wally Yonamine, catcher Jun Hirota, and third sacker Dick Kashiwaeda.

### Football

Tom Uyeda, 147-lb. sprinter-halfback of Verdugo Hills High, Los Angeles was named to the third team of the all-city team. He was on the first team of the all-Northern League squad this year. . . Rickie Tanaka, guard at Dorsey High, made the second all-Western League team. . . Los Angeles High took a 21-0 lacing from Manual Arts High in the city championships at the Coliseum Dec. 19. Seeing action for L.A. were guard Stan Furuta and halfback Yosh Shibuyama. . . Hideki Hamamoto, 145-lb. seatback standing at 5 ft. 5 in., was voted the "most valuable" player by teammates of Pasadena High. He scored 73 points during the season, one PAT and 12 TDs, including four in one game. He also was co-captain for the year.

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### Nisei employment at peak

Very substantial progress has been made by the Nisei in the Southern California employment picture. In sharp contrast to pre-evacuation days, Nisei are now employed in every conceivable type of work and in extremely high demand by some occupations.

Confirming this heartening experience is an agency with which the JACL has occasion to cooperate on common projects, the Personnel Relations Bureau of the Jewish Community Council in L.A. Its executive director for the past six years, Murray Lewis, a professional in this field, should know if anyone does.

Says Murray, "In my many conferences and discussions with top management, personnel heads and supervisors in a wide variety of industries, invariably, references with respect to the Japanese American group are excellent. Never in my experience have I come across a single instance of resistance to the employment of Nisei."

Stereotype impressions about J.A.s haven't completely vanished, however, for every so often, we receive calls for "a nice Japanese girl to work in my home". Some people still think that the only occupations fitted for Japanese is in domestic service.

At its height years ago, we doubt if domestics ever surpassed five per cent among the Japanese. Yet, when we patiently explain that Nisei are probably least interested in such positions, the upward jerking of eyebrows is almost audible on the phone.

With the employment picture so rosy, why, some may ask, should Nisei be concerned about fair employment legislation when they are being so well accepted?

The JACL, while recognizing the steadily improving job status of Nisei in post war years, has never deviated from its position of favoring legislative means of combatting discriminatory practices which might deprive a person, Nisei or otherwise, from his right to make a living at the kind of work he likes to and can do.

Action of the JACL National Council at every national convention has included such remedial legislation among its human rights objectives. The Nisei's present favorable situation may not be a permanent one—certainly there is no legislative protection to keep it so.

And, too, while the Nisei are sitting pretty now, other groups, notably of Mexican and Negro extractions, do still face discriminatory treatment on jobs.

We have always felt that an injury to one group will hurt all groups, and conversely, a gain by one will reflect to the benefit of all.

The California Committee for Fair Employment Practices under chairman C. L. Del-lums and co-chairmen Nathaniel S. Colley, John Despol, C. J. Haggerty, Edward R. Roybal and Irving Rosenblatt will endeavor to have enacted by law the state legislature in Sacramento in 1955 a fair employment practices law such as many other states have adopted in recent years. JACL chapters in California should be prepared to support this effort in whatever way possible.

One of this committee's first objectives is to document instances of discrimination. A questionnaire has been forwarded us with these queries:

Have you met with employment discrimination in California, either in a refusal to hire, a refusal to hire at your proper skill, or a refusal to duly "upgrade"? When?

Was the discrimination out in the open (anything written or spoken; a sign, an ad, a statement, the words "race" or "religion" on an employment blank)?

What convinced you that this was a case of discrimination?

Do you otherwise know of any firm or organization that discriminates? Which one? What evidence points to the discriminatory policy of that firm or organization?

Would you prefer to have us contact you personally for the details of any of the above questions?

Anyone wishing to submit answers to these questions in a discrimination case may forward same to the CCFEFP, Labor Temple, Room 101, 2940-16th St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

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### PSWDC highlights of '54

JACL activities in the Pacific Southwest District Council hit a record high during the past twelve months. The chapters got off to an inspired beginning at the Chapter Clinic in February, hosted by the Venice-Culver and West Los Angeles JACL chapters. The PSWDC served as the host district to the 13th Biennial National Convention that was preceded by its pre-confab rally at Pasadena. The final district meeting displayed an amazing esprit-de-corps to "do or die" for JACL,

with chapters not only accepting increased fund-raising quotas but taking on quotas for non-chapter communities.

Total district membership hit over 2,000 surpassing last year's record, while fund-raising also topped the 1953 effort although short of the overall quota. A new chapter, the district's eighteenth, was re-activated in San Fernando Valley while the Downtown L.A. chapter proceeded to reach and pass its goal of 100 members in its 1000 Club (actually 110).

Significant progress was made in the local naturalization program which, though badly bogged down earlier in the year, stepped up considerably during midyear with an augmented staff at the Immig. and Natur. Serv. office in L.A. which services all of southern California. A thirteen month backlog of unprocessed petitions was "katakata" in a matter of weeks, and climaxed at the mass "swearing in" ceremony at Hollywood Bowl on Veterans Day when more than 1,000 Issei, over half of them through an interpreter, raised their right hands in taking the oath of allegiance. This brings the Southland total to close to 3,000 new citizens.

On several occasions during the year, we received cooperation from the I&NS in arranging "all Japanese" examination days when only Issei with difficulty in English were given their oral tests through volunteer interpreters recruited by our office.

We thank those "tsu-ben" who willingly gave many hours of their busy time in this project: TED OKUMOTO, GONGORO NAKAMURA, FRANK CHUMAN, NISUKE MITSUMORI, SABURO KIDO, TAKEO TANINO, DAVE YOKOZEKI, TED AKAHOSHI, KATSUMA MUKAEDA and others.

Meanwhile, chapters in the district continued to sponsor Americanization classes for prospective Issei citizens and assisted them in filing their petitions. During January, 1955, chapters will again aid non-citizen Issei file their address report forms required by the federal alien registration law.

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### Christmas Cheer development

Another noteworthy development was the re-activating of the JACL Club Service Bureau under the competent and energetic leadership of co-chairmen VIRGINIA KAWASAKI (SWLA) and JIM HIGASHI (ELA's '55 prey). Worthy projects were referred to CSB-affiliated clubs for participation by this hardworking pair, the biggest being the annual county-wide Christmas Cheer project initiated by SUE TAKIMOTO JOE several years ago. Many of the same volunteers lent a hand on other JACL projects including the Pacific Citizen holiday issue mailing.

The CSB boasts the support of several Nisei professionals in the field of group work who serve on its board of consultants: TETSU SUGI and RUBY CHUMAN of the Church Federation of Los Angeles; GEORGE NISHINAKA, former Y worker who is now a responsible staff member of the Youth Services Division of the Metropolitan LA Welfare Council; BOB KODAMA, former program director at All People's Community Center; and other interested Nisei.

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### Thanks to JACL family of chapters

Probably because we have the dubious reputation of having become professional fund-raisers for JACL in the past eight years, we were assigned the business-promotion end of the program booklet and Ichi Doru projects for the 13th biennial convention, both of which turned out well, thanks to the support of the JACL family of chapters. The chapters' response to the PC's big year-end issue was equally satisfying.

Convention responsibilities were a sedentary onus but the Sou'wester nevertheless was able to visit with nearly all of the eighteen chapters in the district, and we look forward to resuming our visitations from the first of the year.

Our first stop, to keep a bargain with BOB UNO's fund-raising success, will be the Arizona chapter with CALLAHAN INAGAKI the second week of January.

To recite the numerous activities and services performed during 1954 by the Pacific Southwest regional office would be too space-consuming. May we refer you to our eight-page report in the official minutes of the national convention recently forwarded from headquarters.

One of the unique and worthwhile experiences we enjoyed was in the interest of public relations and community education on things Japanese.

Specifically, we mean helping four shows of the popular weekly teevee program, "Confidential File" featuring L.A. Mirror columnist Paul Coates, Incid, the program will soon go on a national network. The shows had to do with civil defense (interview with Hiroshima atom bombing survivor), Buddhism (we even got into the act on this one), Kendo and the

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# SEI FUJII, L'L TOKIO LEADER AND NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, DIES

By HENRY MORI

Los Angeles

We had intended to wrap up our last column for 1954 with a mention of several top stories of the year.

However, the sudden death of Sei Fujii, veteran publisher of the Kashi Mainichi, alters that. Fujii's sudden passing two days before Christmas at a funeral service has jolted most of citizenry along East First and San Pedro Sts.

The impact has been felt, too, elsewhere.

We did not know Fujii intimately. But from what we've gathered, Fujii was a colorful personality in his own rights. He was indeed an outspoken journalist.

He had many enemies; yet his strong ability to attract people established for him a Fujii dynasty which supported his paper through thick and thin.

### Naturalized Citizen

Fujii was a reluctant supporter of the JACL in recent years; but backed the veterans to the hilt. He was lukewarm to Issei naturalization; yet on last Veterans Day, Nov. 11, he was among the thousands who stood to take their Oath of Allegiance to the United States during the Hollywood Bowl mass ceremony.

Fujii's end came suddenly, and dramatically.

At Higashi Hongwanji on the night of Dec. 23, he was serving as chairman at the wake services for his neighbor, the late Takizo Nagamine. He had just finishing eulogizing, had returned to his seat in the front row and collapsed on the floor. Two doctors present at the wake rushed to him and later pronounced he died of cerebral hemorrhage. He was also baptized a Catholic during his dying moments.

Thus, death ended the newspaper career of Fujii, who only celebrated his 72nd birthday on Dec. 22. Requiem Mass was celebrated Wednesday morning at Maryknoll Church and burial followed at Calvary Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Tatsuyo.

### Anti-JACL Editorials

Fujii's anti-JACL sentiments were never to be clearly understood. But there are many who, today, believe that it was his rabid editorials against the doings of the League which actually strengthened the organization.

Peculiarly, he fought the Calif. Alien Land law "side by side" with the JACL, but he chose to stand alone. His efforts were not to be denied, because the Fujii Case aroused such national interest when it evoked a favorable ruling through the United Nations charter.

Both the Masaoka Case, which was sponsored by the JACL, and the Fujii litigation to give land ownership rights to alien Japanese were won in the State-Supreme Court. Both were victorious, yet each remained apart in its thinking and views.

### Nisei Journalists

A long line of Nisei editors came out of Kashi Mainichi where Fujii started in 1931. It had produced such great writers

as Goro Murata, (the first Nisei Section Editor), Larry Tajiri, Togo Tanaka, and the late Carl Kondo.

We recall such names also as late Tomomasa Yamazaki; Roy Takeno, who is now with the Denver Housing Authority; Eiji Tanabe, Ruth Kurata, Molly Oyama Mittwer, Los Angeles; and Joe Ishikawa, and Roy "Bull" Kawamoto, and many others.

Fujii came to this country in 1903 from Yamaguchi. He was graduated with a bachelor of law degree from USC law school in 1911 and decided to return to Japan. He was with the Yahata Iron Works for a year and a half but was soon back to establish his law office here as consultant.

In 1926, he instigated a similar suit against the state, demanding that the Los Angeles Japanese Hospital, a corporation, be given a right to own property despite the discriminatory Alien Land law. He won two years later.

### Freedom of Press

He served five years as president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce; and in 1946, following his wartime internment, he reactivated the Kashi Mainichi, minus the English Section. To his friends, he was affably known as Uncle Fujii; those who despised him, by many other names. One thing is certain, however: Fujii believed in the freedom of the press, and left no stone unturned in doing so.

## Murayama--

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Japan against the U.S. Nisei due to prejudice or occupation era misconduct by Nisei soldiers. It's true that the Nisei in America is better treated than the Nisei in Japan. Some strange psychology here makes it easier to suspect the Nisei over the Hakuji.

Ironically, the Nisei remaining in Japan today feel the revenge born from the occupation. The blameworthy individuals have long gone home. Hence, Mike's position in Japan is most delicate. His visit at this point is most timely and welcome.

Fate has deemed the Nisei, it seems, to serve the cause of Japanese-American relations. No matter what happens, it is the fate of the Nisei. But, what a fate! We may be trapped between these two camps.

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### Births

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ABE—Nov. 25, a boy Gregory Nobuo to the Mitsuru ABE (Fumiko Tsunomori).  
AKUNE—Nov. 10, a boy Kenneth Patrick to the Kenjiro Akunes (Alice Chiyeko Shiosaka).  
ARASE—Nov. 13, a girl Nancy Sumie to the Shingo Arases (Noriko Takaki).  
BOLZ—Oct. 26, a girl Mary Keiko to the Donald E. Bolzes (Chieko Yamaguchi).  
COLLINS—Oct. 20, a girl Jeri Ginn to the James J. Collines (Mitsuko Kuniyoshi), North Hollywood.  
EEJIMA—Nov. 19, a girl Nina Masako to the Robert Hiroo Eejimas (Michi Hoshi).  
ENDO—Oct. 14, a girl Jeri Lynn to the Tadatoshi Endos (Mary Sato).  
FUJII—Oct. 20, a girl Felicia Hidemi to the Tad T. Fujii (Betty Yamashita).  
FUJIKAWA—Nov. 18, a boy Melvin Kenzo to the Kaneko Fujikawas (Sachiko Fujikawa).  
FUJITA—Nov. 17, a girl Carol Asako to the Shigeuki David Fujitas (Mary Okahana).  
FUKAMAKI—Nov. 16, a boy Rick Masaaki to the Dale Masayuki Fukamakakis (Betty Jean Wong).  
FUKUNAGA—Oct. 16, a girl Wendy Haruko to the Ichiro Fukunagas (Mary Ayako Yano).  
FURUTO—Oct. 23, a boy Ross L. to the Kazuto Furutos (Sadako Domoto).  
GONZALES—Oct. 18, a girl Margaret T. to the Joe R. Gonzales (Chiyoko Tsurui), Harbor City.  
GUSHIKEN—Oct. 6, a girl Karen Keiko to the Mitsuyoshi Gushikens (Yukiko Ikahara).  
GUY—Nov. 19, a boy Norman Romero to the Rotier Guys (Teiko Kuriki).  
HAMAI—Nov. 7, a boy Joseph Kazuichi to the Kazue Hamais (Kazuyo Kitada).  
HARADA—Dec. 1, a girl Kathleen Mariko to the Henry Chikashi Haradas (Michiko Kuroiwa).  
HIGAKI—Oct. 29, a girl Leslie Susan to the Toshio Higakis (Sadako Sahara).  
HONDA—Nov. 2, a girl Susan Akiko to the Masami Hondas (Yoshiye Yoshimoto).  
IJIJIMA—Nov. 15, a girl Lauren Gayle Ayako to the Kikui Joe Iijimas (Bernadette Hisako Ota).  
IKEMI—Nov. 1, a boy Douglas Kerry to the Kozo Ikemis (May Matsubara).  
INO—Nov. 12, a boy Bruce to the Kay Inos (Hideko Takehara).  
ISA—Oct. 27, a boy Kenneth to the Tom Takashi Isas (Frances Miya Nakada).  
ISHIGAKI—Oct. 15, a girl Cynthia Ellen to the Robert Asao Ishigakis (Kikue Nakamichi).  
ISHINO—Nov. 4, a boy Glenn Yoshi-chi to the Nobuyoshi Ishinos (Fumiko Tsuchiyama).  
ITAYA—Nov. 10, a boy Robert Dale to the Sammy Sumihara Itayas (Toshi Kusumoto), Pasadena.  
ITO—Oct. 12, a boy Bruce Robert to the John K. Itos (Sally Michiko Sata).  
ITO—Nov. 17, a boy Michael Craig to the Harry Tadao Itos (Janet Yoshiko Nakamura).  
JEFFREY—Nov. 17, a boy Allan Ray to the Jahauda B. Jeffreys (Mitsue Shino).  
KAKIUCHI—Nov. 20, a boy Kerry to the Kenji Kakiuchis (Anna Yoneko Shimozo).  
KANECHIKA—Oct. 30, a girl Midori to the Yoichi Kanechikas (Yaeko Tomita).  
KATAYAMA—Oct. 26, a boy Steven Koichi to the Shigeto Katayamas (Kimiko Chino).  
KAWANAMI—Nov. 13, a girl Rebecca Emiko to the Kiyoshi Kawanamis (Tokiko Tish Ishihara).  
KATO—Nov. 11, a boy Alan Kenneth to the Roy Yasuhara Katos (Takako Shiimori), Gardena.  
KINOSHITA—Nov. 4, a girl Lynn Seiko to the Masato Kinoshitas (Irene Aiko Kusayanagi).  
KISHI—Nov. 14, twin boys Dale Raymond and Dan William to the Raymond Yoshio Kishis (Arlene Shigemmi Eddow).  
KOSAKA—Nov. 10, a boy Paul Tadashi to the Hiroshi Kosakas (Mary Yoko Fujita).  
KUBOTA—Nov. 7, a girl to the Gene Seichi Kubotas (Utaka Mary Sasaki).  
KUBOTA—Nov. 8, a boy Timothy Kiyoshi to the Rokuro Kubotas (Masako Pat Kato), Sun Valley.  
KURIHARA—Nov. 13, a girl Ruth Ann to the Rokuro Kuriharas (Amy Nakamura), Glendale.  
KUROKI—Oct. 20, a girl Susan Reiko to the Jerry Masao Kurokis (Mary Toshiko Honda).  
KUROMI—Oct. 27, a girl Lynne Mitsuko to the Hitoshi Kuroomis (Corrine Nobuko Nishimura).  
MARUNO—Nov. 21, a girl Cindy Harumi to the Harry Shigeo Marunos (Akiko Kinoshita).  
MARUOKA—Nov. 11, a boy Richard Ken to the Richard Ichiro Maruokas (Alice Kikumi Shigeta).  
MATSUMURA—Nov. 13, a boy Mitchell Michio to the Masao Roy Matsumuras (Tomiko Maeda).  
MAYEDA—Nov. 8, a boy Bruce Yoshio to the Eddy Mayedas (Itsuko Takeuchi).  
MITAMURA—Oct. 30, a girl Judy Keiko to the Noboru Mitamuras (Yoshiko Yoshiyama).  
MIYAKAWA—Nov. 14, a boy Brian Masao to the Dick Teruo Miyakawas (Amy Akizuki).  
MIYAMOTO—Nov. 13, a girl Sharon Joy to the Herbert Miyamotos (Ritsuko Rori Takara).  
MORITA—Nov. 11, a boy Michael Steven to the Robert Tsutomu Moritas (Yoshiye Yamamoto), Pasadena.  
MUNEKATA—Nov. 1, a girl to the Dick Noboru Muneكاتas (Shizuko Nakagawa).  
MURAMOTO—Oct. 27, a girl Linda Michie to the Hoshito Muramotos (Sumiko Kaneyoshi).  
MURAYAMA—Nov. 5, a boy Ken Masao to the George Masayuki Murayamas (Ann Shigeo Ishikawa).  
NAKAMURA—Dec. 6, a boy to the Mitsuo Nakamuras, Long Beach.  
NAKAMA—Oct. 16, a boy Michael Guy to the Robert Ryomei Nakamas (Haruko Nakasone).  
NAKANO—Nov. 11, a boy Daniel Torao to the Frank Yoshi Nakanos (Grace Mineko Takahashi).  
NAKASONE—Nov. 8, a boy Craig Takashi to the Takashi Nakasones (Shizuko Hirata).

NIMURA—Nov. 19, a girl Pauline Jo to the Robert Tsutomu Nimuras (Keiko Kikuchi).  
NISHISAKA—Oct. 27, a girl Merrie Kaoru to the Arthur Shuichi Nishisai ks (Yuriko Sanada).  
NISHIYAMA—Oct. 22, a girl Janice Etsuko to the Shiro Ben Nishiyamas (Masako Lorraine Taketa), Pasadena.  
NIWA—Nov. 16, a boy to the Samuel Masato Niwas (Florence Aster Fukuoka).  
OGATA—Oct. 27, a boy David Tadashi to the Seiji Ogatas (Yoshiko Yamamoto).  
OGAWA—Nov. 4, a girl Irene Yuriko to the William Kenzo Ogawas (Mary Fumiko Kajiya).  
OKABE—Nov. 12, a girl Joyce Mae to the Georg Yoshio Okabe (Rosie Saye Honda).  
OKAMOTO—Nov. 18, a boy James Walter to the George James Okamotos (Yuri Matsumoto).  
OKAMURA—Dec. 4, a girl Donna Naomi to the Sadamu Okamuras (Jennie Masae Nishimoto).  
OKINO—Nov. 24, a girl Cheryl Suzuko to the Katsumi Okinos (Misa Hazama).  
OSADA—Nov. 13, a girl Janet Shizuko to the Ralph Osadas (Mitsuko Morita).  
OSHINOMI—Nov. 6, a girl Kazue Vicki to the Satoshi Oshinomis (Sumiko Ujemori).  
OYE—Nov. 28, a boy Robert Douglas to the Joe Riosaku Oyes (Mary Yoshiko Asawa).  
PETERSON—Nov. 5, a boy Jeffrey Lynn to the Francis Y. Petersons (Toshiko Patricia Sasaki).  
REITZ—Oct. 22, a girl Laura Marie to the Delford J. Reitzes (Yoko Kadowaki), Hollywood.  
SAKAGUCHI—Oct. 26, a girl Kimiko Lori to the Tameo Sakaguchis (Kiyomi Tanaka), West Los Angeles.  
SAKUDA—Oct. 20, a boy Jeffrey Alan to the Fred Akira Sakudas (Eiko Sakita).  
SASAKI—Nov. 13, a girl Gale Patricia to the Ben Sasakis (Yoshiko Mizusaki).  
SATO—Nov. 20, a girl Helen Hiroko to the Hiroshi Satos (Carole Chiyoko Fujisaki).  
SHIELD—Oct. 26, a girl Laurie Takeno to the Robert F. Shields (Fusae Hasegawa), North Hollywood.  
SHIMA—Nov. 19, a boy Thomas Kiyoshi to the Matsusho Shimas (Kiyoko Miyahara).  
SHIMIZU—Oct. 18, a girl De Nese Michele to the Tadashi C. Shimizus (Seiko Gene Koike).  
SUGAI—Oct. 22, a boy Raymond Karl to the Henry Dexter Sugais (Rose T. Minami).  
SUO—Nov. 20, a boy Glenn Curtis to the Ken Suos (Chiyeko Kishimoto).  
SUYEHARA—Oct. 23, a boy Alan George to the Robert Yoshio Suyeharas (Aiko Fujii).  
SUZUKI—Nov. 21, a boy Victor Toshio to the George Suzukis (Kikuko Okamoto).  
TAKIGUCHI—Nov. 13, a boy Alan Hiroshi to the James Tokuchi Takiguchis (Ann Katsuko Shiroma).  
TAMAKI—Nov. 11, a girl Jeanne Keiko to the Jiro Tamakis (Michiko Doihara), Culver City.  
TANAKA—Nov. 28, a girl Melanie Hideko to the Hideto Tanakas

(Shirley Mae Busse).  
TANAKA—Nov. 15, a girl Gail Keiko to the Kunio Fred Tanakas (Misako Ruth Kawakami).  
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TASAKA—Nov. 8, a girl Pamela Kimiko to the Arthur Tasakas (Jane Kikuye Kato).  
TATEISHI—Nov. 2, a girl Donna to the William Tateishis (Akiko Nomura).  
TORIO—Oct. 25, a girl Karen Lisa to the Ichio Steve Torios (Tayeko Mary Sugimoto).  
TSUJI—Nov. 2, a girl Patricia Lee to the Johnnie Yukio Tsujis (Nancy Nobuko Shiota), Hawthorne.  
TSUNEKAWA—Nov. 14, a boy Alan Lee to the Yoshishige Tsunekawas (Hisako Wada).  
UYEDA—Nov. 23, a girl Carol to the Chizuo Uyedas (Yasuko Kimura).  
UYEDA—Dec. 11, a boy to the Takeshi Uyedas, Wilmington.  
UYEKAWA—Nov. 14, a girl Patricia Maria to the George Uyekawas (Teruko Nakagawa).  
WHITMAN—Nov. 6, a boy to the Harvey R. Whitmans (Fusako Makagoshi).  
WONG—Nov. 6, a girl Diane May to the Richard T. Y. Wongs (Grace Miyoko Watanabe).  
YAMANAKA—Nov. 17, a girl Susan Chizuko to the Katsuo Yamanakas (Fumi Oka).  
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YAMASHITA—Nov. 12, a boy Gary Ben to the Kiyoshi Yamashitas (Suzue Usami).  
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EDITORIALS

For the New Year

Recent conferences in the White House suggest that President Eisenhower is moving wisely to gain the cooperation of the Democrats, who assume the majority party role in Congress after the first of the year.

It is apparent that the President intends to better everyday relationships between party leaders and to consult them at every important stage in the making of vital foreign and defense policy.

Bipartisanship, naturally, will not extend into the field of domestic policy. It would amount to omitting politics altogether and leave voters with no choice as between parties. But it is a good state of affairs when both the President and responsible opposition leaders of Congress see the necessity of a unified foreign and defense policy. The start of 1955 at the Nation's Capital is a good one.

Another matter of interest in 1955 will be the problem of Japan's economic plight and efforts to devise a reciprocal trade treaty satisfactory to American trade interests as well as benefiting Japan.

While Japan's problem is a knotty one, since large scale import of significant Japanese products are impractical under American tariffs, other Asiatic nations are too poor to support strong Japanese trade. And there is fear the Japanese people have no choice but to turn to China which has been offering attractive inducements.

Hence, the concern in Washington. While there will be some opposition to any change, at the present, in the tariff program, the solution eventually must be decided here.

Of immediate JACL interest will be the aspects of statehood for Hawaii; the so-called Hillings bill to liberalize the evacuation claims law to speed up payment of claims in excess of \$2,500; and meeting the organization financial obligations of \$78,950 each year for the 1955-56 biennium. The latter sum is proportionately divided into district councils and chapters to be met through the processes of memberships, both regular and supporting.

While national and international problems appear more attractive and exciting, the urgency of immediate projects deserves wholehearted interest and support.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

By Bill Hosokawa

Some Nice Customs

Denver

One of the nicer traditions of Denver's Nisei community is the annual Christmas party of Cathay Post No. 185, American Legion. Actually, the party is primarily for the children of members, but the adults have just as much fun as the small fry. This year, at the post's invitation, we attended the party and quickly got into the spirit of the occasion.

First thing that caught our eye was a great long table completely loaded with food. There was cold roast turkey, cold ham, a huge variety of casserole dishes that the ladies had brought along, and all the trimmings. (For some reason the Nisei are great for eating, as were the Issei before them. They know how to put on a feed, and boy, how they stow it away.)

Next thing we noticed was the huge number of youngsters. A good percentage of the vets are in the family-rearing stage now and the place was overrun with moppets of all sizes and shapes. They didn't look out of place in a Legion hall, either. In fact, the presence of so many children gave the party that comfortable old-fashioned family look.

After a goodly portion of the food had been consumed, Commander Babe Takeoka, an amiable mailman in daily life, introduced 18-year-old Vernon Namba who put on a magic act. I've seen few professional performers with more poise than Vernon displayed. He has a fine line of patter delivered with an unusually good sense of timing. I'm sure he'll make the grade as a professional entertainer if he sticks with it. Big trouble now is that Vernon can't get enough jobs to keep in shape. Anybody need a magician?



Aside from the tradition of feasting during the New Year season, the Japanese had what I consider another fine custom which amounts



to turning over a complete new page in their lives come January 1. The last day of the old year, my mother used to tell me, was a time for settling up debts, cleaning the dirt and grime of the old year out of the house, taking a bath and facing the new year pure as the newdriven snow.

My Dad used to stay down at the office late on New Year's Eve. He and some helpers would sweep and dust the place, mop the floor, wash the windows, polish the chandeliers, oil the furniture, beat the rug and otherwise give the place a complete going over. I don't know whether he paid off all his bills because money matters weren't discussed in front of the kids, but I presume he did when he was able.

And when the big cleaning job was done, he'd pick up a big kettle of Chinese chicken noodles and bring them home steaming hot. My mother explained that in Japan the weather was pretty brisk, usually, on New Year's Eve.

And so it was traditional that when the menfolk came home late after winding up all their responsibilities to the old year, a hot bowl of noodles was waiting for them.

We learned to look forward to enjoying that traditional bowl of noodles. For some unknown reason we never had that particular kind of noodles at any time other than New Year's Eve. That was a treat reserved for a special occasion.

Well, as we were saying, hope you had a Merry Christmas, and now a Happy New Year to you. Even if this issue of the Pacific Citizen reaches you a few days after January first, the greetings still hold. In Japan, at least the old Japan that my folks knew, it was okay to wish one's friends a happy New Year any time during the month of January. No one bothered much with work or business for the first ten days or so of the new year. Nice custom, don't you think?

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

Bad Day at Black Rock

Denver

The aftermath of mob prejudice against a farmer of Japanese ancestry in a town in the western United States is told in a taut, suspense film just completed at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. It's *Bad Day at Black Rock*, a personal production of Dore Schary, head of MGM and the man who made *Go for Broke!*

*Black Rock*, scheduled for national release in January, stars Spencer Tracy and Robert Ryan. In the drama, which was acclaimed the other night by a preview audience at Loew's 72nd St. in New York City, Tracy plays the part of a crippled war veteran who arrives in the town of Black Rock, somewhere in the west, on a hot summer day in 1945. Tracy is looking for the father of a Nisei soldier with whom he served. On a combat mission, the Nisei is killed and Tracy is seriously wounded. And now Tracy is looking for the Issei to give him the medal won by the son.

When the people of the little town learn of Tracy's mission, their attitude toward him becomes one of hostility. Soon Tracy learns why. The Japanese farmer is dead, murdered by a town mob during a period of anti-Japanese hysteria after Pearl Harbor. The townspeople have a guilt complex and the guilty themselves, including the mob leader, played by Ryan, have gone unpunished.

John Macreedy, the character portrayed by Tracy, has a chance to forget the whole thing and duck out of town. He decides to stay and

find the killer of the Japanese farmer, and thereupon exposes himself to the anger of the town. Macreedy, seeking to avenge the Nisei GI who died beside him, himself becomes the hunted. But Macreedy exacts his retribution.

The report is that *Bad Day at Black Rock* is more than a social document. It is exciting theater and reportedly held its preview audience spellbound. The CinemaScope production is filmed in Eastman color. It was directed by John Sturges from a screenplay by Millard Kaufman which was based on Don Maguire's adaptation of Howard Breslin's original story.

This new film from MGM is another example of Dore Schary's ability to combine showmanship with good citizenship. *Black Rock* has a message about civic morality which is delivered without loss of entertainment quotient, much as Stanley Kramer did with *High Noon*.

It is conceivable that Schary has wanted to tell this story for a long time. What happened to persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast after Pearl Harbor has not been told except in the distortions of such films as *Little Tokyo, U.S.A.* The original script of *Go for Broke!*, which Schary produced and which Robert Pirosh wrote and directed, contained scenes of the mass evacuation and of relocation center life. The story at the time was that the War Department objected to the depiction of mass detention of Japanese Americans in a film which also showed many of the Nisei evacuees serving in the army. The Pentagon feeling may have been that the propaganda value abroad of a film showing Nisei soldiers would be minimized by a depiction of evacuation and detention, and the enemies of the United States undoubtedly would exploit the latter features of the plot. Dramatically, of course, the concentration of attention of the 442nd Combat Team itself made *Go for Broke!* more cohesive.

Unlike *Go for Broke!* which featured a cast mainly of Nisei, there are no Japanese Americans featured in *Black Rock*. Both of the principals of Japanese ancestry in the plot are dead when the action begins.

Dore Schary long has been a force for decency and conscience in the industry which has too often genuflected before the box-office. Mr. Schary has been honored on several occasions by the National JACL, acting for the Nisei. He deserves another vote of thanks for *Bad Day on Black Rock*.

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final one just completed which dealt with minority discrimination in Los Angeles county. We suggested that housing discrimination is most direct and dramatic type of racial prejudice currently concerning Nisei. A Nisei couple is portrayed being given the usual brush-off when attempting to purchase a home in a housing development.



Looking back over one of JACL's busiest years, we can't conceal the warm satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that JACL is growing in stature and esteem in many quarters and of its increasing inward strength. Here's wishing you a happy and prosperous Southwest zephyr throughout the coming year.

MINORITY



Atlanta  
The U.S. Court of Appeals was urged to reverse an arbitrary lower court ruling permitting maintenance of racial segregation on city-operated golf courses here on behalf of 150 Negro golf players, who are barred on the basis of race.

Chicago  
Civic groups in Chicago met recently for a legislative conference to plan with the NAACP the campaign to secure passage of equal job opportunities and other anti-discrimination measures in the 1955 session of the Illinois legislature.

Cincinnati  
The U.S. Court of Appeals was asked to order Federal Judge John H. Druffel to act immediately in the Hillsboro (Ohio) school segregation case instead of waiting until two weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court issues its decrees spelling out the May 17 opinion outlawing school segregation.

A restraining order against the school board instituting school zones forcing all Negro students to enroll into a Jim Crow school was denied by Judge Druffel, who said the board has the right "until the Supreme Court establishes a formula, to use their best judgment as to how it is going to be taken care of." But Negro parents felt the issue involves the refusal to allow Negro children to remain in school after the school board voluntarily allowed them to register and remain in school for a week.

DECADE AGO

Dec. 30, 1944

Full force of government's support promised to loyal Japanese Americans by Ickes.

JACL to open San Francisco office Jan. 3; Teiko Ishida to take charge.

American Legion Post 8 of Los Angeles asks full rights for Nisei.

Thirty-seven Nisei decorated in rescue of Lost Battalion.

Jewish chaplain urges Sacramento audience fair play for Nisei on coast.

Pacific Coast CIO unions pledge whole-hearted effort toward fair play for Nisei; San Diego CIO council to aid returning evacuees.

Expect 60,000 evacuees to return to former homes on coast in next 18 months; WRA will continue with relocation program in communities outside of Pacific Coast.

Justice Department Leigonnaires in Washington, D.C., condemn Hood River action.

Gardenans may reconsider refusal to list name of dead Nisei hero on honor plaque.

L. A. Catholic Interracial Council raps attitude of Mayor Bowron, who said military assistance would be required to keep order if Japanese Americans are returned to city.

Coach Pete Ida leads Deshler (Neb.) High School to 5 to 1 football season.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 7 (Friday) New York—Installation Banquet, Suehiro's Restaurant.
- Jan. 9 (Sunday) Dayton—Installation Dinner, Pappy's Kitchen, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 11 (Tuesday) Pasadena—Form Filling Service, 64 W. Del Mar.
- Jan. 14 (Friday) Fresno—March of Dimes dance, Rainbow Ballroom.
- Jan. 16 (Sunday) Parlier—Benefit Movies.
- Jan. 21 (Friday) San Francisco—Installation Banquet, William & Mary's (tentative).
- Jan. 22 (Saturday) Sequoia—Installation Banquet, Rick-ey's Studio Inn.
- Sonoma County—Installation Banquet, Memorial Hall.
- L.A. Coordinating Council—Installation Ball, Inst. of Aero. Sciences, 7650 Beverly Blvd., 9 p.m.
- Feb. 13 (Sunday) PSWDC—Chapter Clinic, International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles.